

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus includes a data fetching section that fetches first image data on a plurality of pages and second image data on a plurality of pages. An operation section accepts a sheaf-unit sorting instruction, which includes a predetermined number of copies of each of the first image data and second image data. A controlling section conducts finishing processing of each of a first sheaf of paper on which the first image data is copied and a second sheaf of paper on which the second image data is copied based on the sheaf-unit sorting instruction. The controlling section then guides the first sheaf of paper and the second sheaf of paper, in sequence, to the outlet so that the first sheaf of paper and the second sheaf of paper are piled in this order.